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Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) for the Saguaro National Park Exchange Proposal, Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Land Management has extended the comment period for the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impacts for the Saguaro National Park exchange proposal until July 31, 1997.

DATES: Public comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn. Bill Childress, Project Manager, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Childress, Project Manager, BLM, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027 or Telephone (602) 780-8090.

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Ken R. Drew,

Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Realty Action, Land Use Lease of Public Lands; Amador County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action—Land Use Lease of Public Lands; Amador County, California.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Amador County,

California is being considered for a non-competitive, life-time, residential, land use lease pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713):

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 7 N., R. 11 E.,

Sec. 3, NW¼NW¼ (within);

Sec. 4, NE¼NE¼ (within).

Containing 1.05 acres, more or less.

The above parcel of land would be leased to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lastiri to resolve a trespass situation. The lease would be issued for the remainder of Mr. and Mrs. Lastiri's lives. Upon their death, all improvements would have to be removed from the public lands. The land will be leased at fair market value.

The parcel would be subject to any prior existing rights. All necessary clearances including clearances for archaeology and for rare plants and animals would be completed prior to any lease being issued. The proposal is consistent with the Bureau's land use plans that support the settlement of trespass by lease when an undue hardship case is present.

COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments to the Area Manager, Folsom Resource Area, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, California 95630.

Comments must be received on or before August 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Montgomery, BLM Folsom Resource Area Office, (916) 985-4474.

D.K. Swickard,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1910-00-4041] ES-48893, Group 91, Arkansas

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Arkansas

The plat, in two sheets, of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east and south boundaries, a portion of the subdivided lines; the subdivision of certain sections, the survey of a portion of certain National Park Service Tracts in sections 1, 2, and 3, the survey of National Park Service Tract No. 20-117 in section 29, and the survey of the center line (as built) of Arkansas State Highway No. 43 in sections 6, 7, 18 and 19, Township 16 North, Range 22 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, Arkansas, will be officially filed in Eastern States,

Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on August 18, 1997.

The survey was requested by the National Park Service.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., August 18, 1997.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: July 2, 1997.

Stephen G. Kopach,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Modifications to the Bid Adequacy Procedures

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notification of procedural changes.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has modified its existing bid adequacy procedures for ensuring receipt of fair market value on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leases. In Phase 1 these procedures establish a new number of bids rule for acceptance of selected tracts. In Phase 2 these procedures expand the scope of tract evaluation; replace the geometric average evaluation of tract with a revised arithmetic average measure of the tract; eliminate the one-eighth rule for anomalous bids; and clarify the treatment of tracts identified as having unusual bidding patterns.

These changes were made following a review of bidding activity in OCS sales. The new number of bids rule relies more on market-determined factors to ensure receipt of fair market value. This new rule, along with expansion of evaluation procedures beyond only tract specific assessments, will allow for earlier acceptance on tracts that would be accepted later in the evaluation process. The revised average measure is designed to generate a better estimate of tract value when all bids fall below the Government's original estimate of tract value. The stricter screening rules associated with the revised average measure eliminate the need for the one-eighth rule. The Regional Director's expanded authority to handle